

answers should be given, it is not possible to do it. The convention is there from the very beginning. It is not as if the hon. member does not know Kannada or English. Just now, he said about Mr. Jagjivan Ram's Committee in English. I would only appeal to him to put the question in either Kannada or English, since there is no provision here to translate.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK :— Why are Stenos not provided in Marathi and Urdu?

MR. SPEAKER :— I am not allowing the hon. Member to discuss any further.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK :— I insist on answers in Marathi. I will put the question in Marathi. Allow me to ask the question in Marathi.

MR. SPEAKER :— You do not want answers!

SRI B. B. SAYANAK :— I want answers in Marathi.

MR. SPEAKER :— I will go to the next question. I am not permitting further discussion. Mr. G. P. Vodeyarai may put his question.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK :— As a protest, I am staging a walk out.

(*Sri B. B. Sayanak staged a walk out along with the other M. E. S. members*)

### Evasion of Sales Tax

75. SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ (Kamalapur)—Will the Minister for the Finance be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the State Sales Tax Intelligence Department have seized the accounts books of M/s. Sri Saraswati Iron Foundry and Partners, Magadi Road, Bangalore for evading the sales tax :

(b) if so, when the accounts books pertaining to the said concern were seized and to what year the accounts pertains;

(c) whether the sales tax authorities responsible for seizure and investigation of the evasion of the Sales Tax are acting in collusion with the concern and helping them;

(d) whether the sales tax Intelligence Authorities concerned have refused to make available the accounts books to the Income Tax Department in connection with the evasion of Income Tax by the said concern ;

(e) if so, the steps the Government are contemplating to see that the sales tax is recovered promptly, properly and correctly?

SRI S. M. YAHYA (Minister for Finance),—

- (a) Yes.
- (b) 7-5-1977. They pertain to 3 years, *viz.*, 1974-75; 1975-76 and 1976-77. }
- (c) No.
- (d) No.
- (e) The present procedure is considered adequate to ensure proper collection of sales tax. However further measures for prevention of evasion of sales tax in the case of import of raw materials, which are channelised through various agencies for allotment to actual users is under examination of Government separately.

SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ :— May I know what is the amount of evasion of sales tax and how much amount have you recovered?

†SRI S. M. YAHYA :— In 1974-75, the turn over is Rs. 2,39,280; in 1975-76, it is Rs. 3,60,800. In 1974-75 we have recovered Rs. 18,900 and in 1975-76 we have recovered 10,000/- rupees.

SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ.—What is balance amount yet to be recovered?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—As far as 1974-75, the accounts have been completed, finalised and Rs. 18,900/- odd have been recovered. As far as 1975-76, a balance has been recovered according to rules. He has asked some more time and it will be finalised soon.

SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ.—What does this concern manufacture and whether there are sister concerns? If so, what is the name of those sister concerns and what do they manufacture?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—About sister-concerns, I don't know. But, this concern had purchased stainless steel in Madras. From Madras M.M.T.C office, we have got certain information; on the basis of that information, we have taken proceedings against them.

SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ.—The name of the firm is M/s. Saraswati Iron Foundry and Partners, Magadi Road, Bangalore. Necessarily, they are the foundry people and they only deal with the cast iron. Therefore, how have they been allotted this stainless steel metal?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—We have not allotted. This entire suppression of turn-over is a purchase made in Madras and from the information gathered from the Office of the Madras we have taken the proceedings.

SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ.—If that is so, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that this firm is indulging in black-marketing of the stainless steel metal and thereby they have been

making a profit of Rs. 20-25 lakhs per annum? Whether you have levied sales tax on that turn-over?

**SRI S. M. YAHYA.**—The matter is of sales tax-suppression of tax and the Government policy is clear—we will not allow any suppression and we take action and in this case also, whatever information we have got, on that basis, Government have taken very stern action and whatever cases are pending, we will try to finalise and recover the amount from them.

**SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ.**—In the answer, you have stated that the Intelligence Department has investigated the matter and they have recovered some amount but I would like to know whether this Intelligence Department of the Sale Tax in connivance with the partners is trying to suppress information that is to be passed on to the Income Tax Department?

**SRI S. M. YAHYA.**—That is absolutely wrong. The Income Tax Department have asked for books and certain information. On 15-7-1978, we have handed over the documents and the accounts books.

**SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ.**—The Intelligence Department is dealing with this matter. Whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there are officers in that Department who are working there for the last 15-20 years and thereby they have developed vested interest and that is why they, in collusion with the concern, are helping them to evade sales tax? If that is so, what action does the Government propose to take?

**SRI S. M. YAHYA.**—It is not proper to say so

#### **Land submerged under tank at Chalgeri Village, Ranibennur Taluk.**

79. **SRI SOMALINGAPPA H. NALVAGAL (Ranibennur)**—Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of land submerged due to the construction of irrigation tank in Chalageri village of Ranibennur taluk during 1975,

(b) the extent of land submerged and the community of people whose lands have been submerged (details may be furnished);

(c) if the lands of Harijan, Girijan, Backward Classes and small holders have been submerged, whether the alternative land will be given to them;